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Organizing the House.

The news, which is accepted as reliable, that in organizing the next House Mr. Henderson will assign to the principal chairmanships the men whom both precedent and eminent qualification point out is in line with public expectation and will have a good effect throughout the country. It is an assurance in itself of Mr. Henderson's fitness for the speakership, and shows the great good fortune of his selection for the office without angry or protracted contest. He is absolutely unhampered. Neither promises nor bitter memories will obtrude themselves to circumscribe his action or color his judgment. His one object is to put the House upon a basis of usefulness, and in the accomplishment of that he has a perfectly free hand.

Only a few weeks ago, before the preference for Mr. Henderson for Speaker had been indicated, The Star in speaking of the House, called attention to the number of experienced and able men among the members, and congratulated the country on what the fact plainly foreshadowed. The subject is in every way comforting and agreeable. The situation is important to the point of gravity. Not only is the routine business of the government exacting, but we have entirely new matters on hand with which no other than men of experience and ability in public affairs could safely be trusted. In a word, the country has not had in forty years greater need of her best character and intelligence in the shaping and execution of her policies. The men are in commission. Those who are members of the House and whose duties will call for the initiative in matters of legislation are well led and are in substantial agreement as to the more important questions. The country expects and demands a currency measure and a measure for the liberal and effective government of its new possessions; and if they shall be enacted at the first session of the Fifty-sixth Congress, as now seems likely, that body will stand justified for all time in our history.

Sound Money Democrats.

It is reported that a conference of prominent democrats who opposed Mr. Bryan in 1896 is soon to be held. There are no particulars, but presumably the subject of discussion will be the continued influence of the silver question and the probable re-nomination of Mr. Bryan at a reaffirmation of the Chicago platform.

These men, with but few exceptions, have been very uncomfortable ever since they were forced into antagonism to their old political associations. Many of them are politicians by nature, with years of activity to whet their appetites for state-making and party campaigning and that sort of thing, and they are eager to take hand again at the old and well-beloved game. But as matters now stand they are out of it all. Mr. Bryan is obdurate, and declines to permit them to return home unless they present themselves on their hands and knees. This attitude they refuse to assume, and so, no longer welcome within the democratic fold, and unwilling to ally themselves definitely with the republicans, they have no place at present to lay their heads. Maybe that is one reason they have so included just now to put their heads together. There need be no great sympathy felt for these men. The step they took in 1896 called for courage, and they manifested it. They planted themselves upon a distinct proposition, and in so doing committed themselves to a course of conduct which should continue while the danger which had provoked it lasted. They rejected Mr. Bryan and the Chicago platform, and they saw in the free silver propaganda a menace to the public credit. Clearly, therefore, while that menace exists—and while the silver cause may not possess today the strength it demonstrated in 1896, it means the same thing now as then—they owe it to themselves to stand by the record and repeat at the polls this year and next their condemnation of what they still believe to be an unwise and most dangerous proposition.

The democracy, as at present organized, may talk against trusts, imperialism, the tariff, what you will, but the overshadowing fact still remains that it stands conspicuously and distinctly for free silver, and the more outspoken and courageous of its leaders are asking for power only on that issue.

Detroit, Mich., is claiming to be as beautiful a city as Washington. It surely does not pretend to have so attractive a post office. Its own citizens pronounce against it by their readiness to abandon it in order to get to Washington to gratify their aesthetic and official tastes.

It is very evident from the courtesy and discretion of the Duke d'Arcos that General Weyler is not one of the men whose lives have influenced him.

Chicago's Trolley Controversy. Chicago has just taken a police census of the city and claims as a result a population of over 2,000,000. This claim is, of course, received with scorn by New York and other municipalities of approximately the size of the city by the lake. But whatever the facts, it is true that Chicago is a very big town, covering many square miles and including in its urban, suburban and agricultural areas an enormous population. So big is it, indeed, and it is impossible to accept with entire seriousness the dispute now raging there as to the virtues of the underground system of electric propulsion for street railways. The Star the other day noted the arguments advanced by the organ of the overhead trolley magnate in behalf of that antiquated device. It now appears that the people have become aroused to the fact that there is successful maintenance of the conduit system elsewhere and immediately a desire has arisen to go abroad to ascertain.

For a city of the rushing, progressive, up-to-date quality of Chicago it is surprising to learn that at one time during the controversy it was gravely proposed that the board of aldermen send a committee to Europe to investigate the workings of the conduit railways there operating. It may be well to remind Chicago that Washington did that same thing in an unofficial manner several years ago and laid before the country practically the first information about the Budapest underground railway line, the pioneer of the conduit roads. As a result of that inquiry Washington espoused the cause of the conduit against the trolley and won the fight. The Star's files would prove interesting reading just now to the information-seeking Chicagoans.

Where it was necessary for Chicago to look beyond her own confines for facts in this connection it would be necessary only to send a committee to Washington and New

York, where the conduit system is in uninterrupted daily operation. Having narrowed the range of inquiry to our own shores, Washington naturally feels proud of its position as a pioneer and is eager to spread the good word far beyond into the trolley-ridden confines of municipal enterprise. But as a matter of fact it is not requisite even that the inquiring alderman or citizen stir from his tracks on the lake-side. So well established is the practicability of the underground system that today the technical journals—save a few specially engaged as defenders of the overhead method—declare the truth of this principle. It is now recognized on all sides that the overhead trolley is suitable only for the smaller towns and the suburban or inter-urban runs, where the ratio of earnings to the mile is too low to permit the comparatively expensive initial installation of a conduit road.

For cities there can be no dispute as to the superiority of the conduit road. The pending Chicago problem, it seems, is to change from the cable system to some form of electric propulsion. In such case, the underground propulsion should be a matter of the easiest choice. With the conduit already established it is only necessary to do what has twice been done with entire success and great economy in Washington, and what is today being done in New York, namely, to equip the cable conduit with the electrical attachments without interrupting the maintenance of the line for an hour. Chicago has much to learn, it would seem. But she need not go beyond seas to learn it, particularly as today the conduit railways of Washington and New York are conspicuously superior in several respects to the famous European roads which originally inspired the citizens of the capital with their desire for something better than the trolley and more reliable than the storage battery or the air car.

A Bomb-Shell in Boston.

John Barrett, formerly United States minister to Siam, who is known to have an intimate acquaintance with affairs in the Philippines, delivered an address yesterday before the Boston Chamber of Commerce on the markets of China and the far east, in the course of which he sharply characterized the work of the Anti-Imperialism League as having extended material aid and comfort to the Filipino insurgents and thereby prolonged the struggle. He said that he had heard from the officers and men of both army and navy at Manila and in the field nothing but curses for the agitation at home which had encouraged the insurgents to believe that they could fight the United States into withdrawal. He characterized as unauthorized the use of the name of Gen. Funston by the league in a pamphlet in a connection which gives the impression that Funston condemns the campaign. He then noted an incident that occurred at Hong Kong which thoroughly demonstrates the evil influence of the fight against the treaty of peace last winter and the propaganda of opposition which has been maintained since. Mr. Barrett said:

"It happened that I was in Hong Kong the day the report of one of your senators' speeches against the treaty arrived. Meeting a prominent man connected with the Philippine junta, I was shown by him with great satisfaction a long telegram from Washington. It contained a valuable report of the strongest point of the senator's speech, a summary of his other remarks and a statement of the names and number of the senators who had signed it. He said, 'Hand it to Aguinaldo, of course, and he will have copies of it distributed through his army and among the people,' he replied. I need only add that he succeeded in doing this."

It must be remembered that the native leaders have been given to understand that the men, in and out of public office, who have stood foremost in the onslaught against the administration are representative of the prevailing public sentiment here. The word has reached these misguided Tagals as to the silent, steadfast loyalty and sentiment of the great bulk of the people who accept the government's policy as proper and stand ready to support it to any length when necessary. The opposition is noisy, and in the Philippines, in the insurgent camps, in the councils of the leaders, in the meetings of the juntas on the mainland, its voice is made to sound as though it were the voice of the whole people of the United States. Instead of that of an infinitesimal faction.

Mr. Barrett's rebuke is well timed and well placed. He speaks with authority, and his words ought to destroy what little there now remains of the local foundation underneath the Boston school of disloyalty.

A number of native Havana citizens are indignant over laws which prevent cruelty to horses. It is hardly to be expected that the S. P. C. A. will find much encouragement in a community where the Spanish pastime of bull fighting has so long prevailed.

Tod Sloan's fate may be regarded as sealed so far as any social ambitions are concerned. The Prince of Wales is tolerant, but he will doubtless draw the line at a man who publicly hits a waiter with a champagne bottle.

Mr. Joe Letter's appearance as a firefighter in a New York hotel marks one of several occasions on which the young Chicagoan has demonstrated that he is not afraid.

Georgia is hoping that Mr. Bryan will say some things on finance while in that state which will effectively ward off the dangers of a watermelon trust.

Aguinaldo would be very much annoyed if that eminent Bostonian, John L. Sullivan, should take a notion to say prayers in Filipino dialect.

Mrs. Blaine is in a position to call attention to the fact that in the matter of taxes the bargain hunters are mostly people of the masculine gender.

Washington's Mysterious Pest.

Something must be done to identify the bug that is biting its way around Washington, leaving a trail of swollen countenances and bodies behind it. The mystery of its nature and of its precise poison is demoralizing in this hot weather. The average summer torments are bad enough without this addition to the local insectivora. The June bugs with their persistent blundering and buzzing, the flame flies with their suicidal littering, the lightning bugs with their malodorous search-lights, the ants with their industrious intrusions, the mosquitoes with their boring propensities, the house-flies with their appetites and their personal liberties, the cock-roaches with their designs upon the larder, the croton bugs with their tremendous prolificacy, the moths with their destructiveness, not to mention the unmentionable nocturnal visitants with their encroachments upon the rest privileges of the individual, all these are serious discomforts separately and in the aggregate. If now, therefore, a new source of unpleasantness is to be added to the list of entomological nuisances, the demand upon science for its destruction will be immediate and insistent. The modern tendency of science is first to identify the specific germ which causes disease, and then to find its particular poison. Thus far, it seems, no one has yet been found who can testify that he has seen the bug that bit him, although many severe swellings have been treated at hospitals, confidently believed to have been caused by a mite or agency. As in the case of bare soap, the first step un-

doubtedly is to catch the mischief maker before it can be punished. Meanwhile this local bug hunt is very like the celebrated search for the snark.

The German emperor's experience in trying to sail a yacht which went aground and had to be towed off should make him cautious about exhibition experiments with a ship of state.

The unquestionable friendship between England and America has not yet been effected in diminishing the number of unsettled controversies.

SHOOTING STARS.

Only Proper.

"A dog is man's true and faithful friend," remarked the young woman who paused to pat a haughty-looking mastiff on the head. "Yas'm," replied Mr. Brastus Pinkley. "It's only natch' he should be. When we goes wifout meat on de table an' shoes on our feet to save up money ter buy him a tag, 'tain' no mo'n decent foh de dog to reciprocate some."

President Loubet.

"I am going to the races Where the mob is all arrayed; I am going to the races Just to show I'm not afraid. But these efforts at excitement I am finding rather tame. I would rather be the umpire At a lively base ball game."

What It May Lead To.

The warm weather has steadily over-coming him. It was pitiable to see a strong man so rapidly going to pieces. He was in good shape when he started out early in the morning.

"Lemme tell you all about this Sampson-Schley affair," said he. People listened patiently for a time, but they deserted when, becoming still more excited, he shouted: "I tell you the eyes of the world are on this Sampson-Schley case!"

When the sun's meridian ray was playing on the asphalt he was trying to get people to stop and listen. Pleadingly he exclaimed: "You must get all the facts before you make up your mind about this Slysion-Shamp case!"

Alone and unhappy, he sat on the curbstone when the ambulance drove up. He was perfectly dole, and a smile illumined his face as he put his arm around the attendant's neck and said: "Now, let's you and I take this Shamson-Slysion case and get right down to the bottom of it."

In Training.

"Did you ever save a dollar?" asked the citizen, severely. "Never," answered Meandering Mike. "Did you ever do a day's work?" "Never."

"Why not?" "Mister, you're an intelligent man, an' you can see dat dese discussions between capital an' labor is bound to continue. What I'm aimin' at is to keep me mind perfectly free from prejudice on either side so's to be right in line when day wants some one to do a good job of arbitrating."

A Turf Favorite's Deficiency.

"A good jockey knows just when to use the whip," remarked the man who is interested in sports. "Yes," answered the man who is not. "What he needs to learn is when not to use a champagne bottle."

Permanence.

That war is a terror nobody denies; In this age it is all out of season. With its hail storms of shot and tornadoes of sighs.

And its feuds without personal reason. And, while things are bad 'mid the sounds of the drum Where bullets so thickly are raining, Men sigh, for they know there is still more to come.

Just wait till they get to explaining.

The scream of the shell and the foeman's wild yell And the cannon's low mutter infernal Leave grim recollections which haunt can't dispel.

But such things are at least not eternal. It's the after effect when men strive to collect

All the gossip and doubt and disdaining Which leaves human happiness hopelessly wrecked; Just wait till they get to explaining.

Tiresome and Undignified.

From the Boston Herald.

It seems that the Navy Department has taken official cognizance of one phase of the Sampson-Schley controversy, and is about to make an inquiry touching the facts in dispute between Lieutenant Commander Houghton, navigator of the Brooklyn, and Lieutenant Commander Heilner, navigator of the Texas, during the battle with Cervera's fleet, relative to the conversation alleged to have occurred between Houghton and Schley in connection with the alleged conversation ever took place, and this denial has been followed by vehement assertions that it did, and the naval officers most concerned are quoted on both sides of the controversy. It looks, therefore, like the official settling of the question of veracity between two or more naval officers, which must be a rather awkward proceeding for all concerned. In view of all that has been written and said on the subject, it is well that the question is to be finally settled. The bandying of epithets on account of it is getting tiresome as well as undignified.

Havemeyer's Real Purpose.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

The greatest of all trusts, the Standard Oil, is absolutely without protection. Sugar is not protected. If the greatest trusts known to America are not protected, how can it be said truthfully that the minor trusts are the creations of a tariff which has opened every mind and has given wide-spread employment?

What nonsense it all is! What, on the face of the earth, has a tariff to do with the building up of trusts? Havemeyer, who couldn't get the sugar tariff to be lowered, demanded from Congress, tries to pull down the tariff. That is all there is in his cry that protection breeds trusts.

Prosperity Everywhere.

From the San Francisco Call.

There never has been such buoyancy in business. The demand for almost everything is phenomenal, and for iron and steel products is seemingly insatiable, notwithstanding continual advances in prices. The higher the goods get the more, apparently, they are wanted. Collections are not hard, money is abundant, with a slow but certain tendency toward lower rates of interest, and failures are small and unimportant. Like a ship sailing gracefully on a smooth sea, there is nothing to be said except that the weather is fine.

Hoodlums at the Colleges.

From the Minneapolis Times.

When college "fun" takes the form of the placement of college property, as it has been on several recent occasions, it is not fun and becomes crime. Suspension is too mild a penalty for such vandalism. The law should step in and treat the offenders just as hoodlums or hoboes not connected with the college would be treated if found guilty of a similar misdemeanor.

The Wrong Method Adopted.

From the St. Paul Dispatch.

The Cleveland street car strikers are not helping their cause by the use of dynamite. They are making it worse. The more they do, the more sympathy will be turned against them, rather than for them, when they adopt the method of train wreckers in the prosecution of their fight.

Get What They Deserve.

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